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the memory in dealing with questions which may unexpectedly arise in court; a form equally advantageous also in making that thorough preparation for trial that is becoming more and more essential."

The authorities cited for each point are carefully selected from the decisions of the various jurisdictions of this country, with an occasional reference to the English decisions. The points are well sustained by the citations, and the quotations are apt. Occasional comments add to the value of the work. The references to New York decisions are specially numerous, but the book is by no means local.

The arrangement is made throughout with a view to readiness of use as a manual; the various subdivisions are indicated by italics, and authorities, quotations, and comments are all indicated by distinctive type, enabling one at a glance to find principle and authority. It is to be regretted that the value of the headings of the pages has been much impaired by the neglect to select suitable "catch-words" to indicate their contents. "Rules &c." for example, gives little idea that the two hundred or more pages so headed contain rules of evidence; it must be said, however, that this fault is not so marked in the headings of the smaller divisions. Not only is the arrangement of the book admirably adapted to ready reference, but there is a very full table of contents and an excellent index.

On the whole it would seem that Mr. Abbott's work had been very successfully accomplished, and that in the Brief for the trial of Criminal Cases as in the Brief for Civil cases, he has given us an excellent manual.

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